



# INDIANA EARLY LEARNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Child Development and Well Being Workgroup

Meeting Minutes Summary

Date: August 13, 2014

### MEMBERS

Kevin Bain

Melanie Brizzi

Charlie Geier

Beckie Minglin

Tammy Veselsky

Alonzo Weems

### ADVISORY

### MEMBERS

John Burnett

Connie Sherman

#### Attendees:

Connie Sherman, Ena Shelley, Beth Barrett, Julia Tipton, Beth Stroh, Danny Kelly, Kyle Wehmann, Andrea Wilkes, Julie Whitman, Dana Jones, Carrie Bale, Lynn Simmers, Sharon Molargik, Janice Katz

#### Key Topics Discussed:

##### *Kindergarten Readiness Definition*

1. Broadening the definition we created at last meeting
2. Creating an aspirational but realistic definition
3. The definition should be inclusive to all wraparound services
4. **Definition was completed by workgroup.**

##### *Early Learning Guidelines*

1. IDOE has taken the lead on creating an early learning standards list

##### *Other*

1. Andrea Wilkes nominated Kristen Lawson to be a workgroup member
2. Andrea is retiring from IDOH in October, but would like to remain in group

#### Key Questions Raised:

1. What criteria should a child have to be ready for kindergarten?
2. How will this definition be used?
3. Is the legislature looking to define what a child can or cannot do?
4. How can we support but not duplicate IDOE's work on the early learning standards/ guidelines?

#### Action Steps:

1. Carrie Bale will present the definition to ELAC on September 12<sup>th</sup> and write the "long-form" of the steps this workgroup took to come to an agreeable definition
2. Beth Stroh will write the official definition verbiage using the 1-page ELAC Recommendation template (uploaded in Wiggio)
3. Connie will reach out to Kevin about having a joint Workgroup meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm. Either at St. Mary's or United Way.
4. Co-chairs will coordinate and populate the High Level Project Plan template (presented at the Guiding Team meeting) with this workgroup's deliverables from now until the end of the year.

#### Next Meeting

Date: September 11, 2014, 9:00a-11:30a

Location: St. Mary's Child Center, 901 Martin Luther King Jr. Street, Indianapolis, IN, 46202